

Family caregivers—who are typically women—will benefit from new supports that help them care for their loved ones while also taking care of themselves.

Mr. Speaker, as the great Progressive Hubert Humphrey said:

“The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life, the sick; the needy and the handicapped.”

By voting to repeal the ACA, my colleagues are failing that test, Mr. Speaker. They are failing that moral test.

DON'T LET BAD POLITICS DRIVE BAD POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) for 3 minutes.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, just to set the record straight, I'm a family physician and the first female doctor in the Congress.

Just less than 2 weeks ago, the Supreme Court issued a final ruling that the health care reform law is, in fact, constitutional. It is now the law of the land.

Despite this, today my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are revisiting old political battles instead of using the final weeks in this session to fully implement a current law that will protect the health of every American, instead of creating jobs during a time when unemployment is at a persistent high, instead of strengthening the American economy and ensuring that taxes on middle class families are not raised.

I have heard the scare tactics and spin that my colleagues are using to mislead the American public. The truth is this: repealing the health care reform bill would set this country back on a course no American—Republican or Democrat—wants to go back to.

With the list of horrible consequences, H.R. 6079 reads like a dishonor roll.

The Republicans' repeal of health care reform will raise taxes on 18 million middle-class people.

More than 6 million young adults will lose the option of being covered under their parents' health care plans.

More than 5 million seniors will pay more in prescription drugs, leaving many having to choose between paying their rent, food, or medicine.

129 million Americans, 17 million of whom are children with so-called pre-existing disease, which before health care reform included acne and pregnancy, may be denied health care coverage when they need it, and 33 million currently uninsured Americans will stay among the ranks of the uninsured.

More than 32 million seniors and 54 million other Americans will pay more for mammograms, colonoscopies, annual wellness exams, and other often lifesaving preventive care that detects cancers and diseases at their earliest stages when they are most treatable.

105 million Americans would again have lifetime limits on their health insurance, which often puts health care services out of reach when people need it the most. Also, 15 million Americans would be dropped from their insurance companies altogether.

Many of the provisions of the law may never get funded that would close the shameful gaps in health care that cause people of color, the poor of every race and ethnicity, even those who may be Republican or Tea Party, rural Americans and those who live in our Nation's territories, to die in excess numbers from preventable deaths and cost the country billions of dollars every year. There's nothing appropriate, just, fair, or worthy in this attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act. It turns back progress. It closes a door to wellness that is now just being opened to over 30 million Americans. It sets this Nation on a path that is unhealthy and less financially secure, and it threatens our position of leadership in the world.

Even though we know this is just an empty exercise, that it's not going anywhere, we do have the opportunity to stand together and do the right thing to not let bad politics drive bad policy. When the bill comes up for a vote, vote “no” on H.R. 6079.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi David Algaze, Havurat Yisrael Synagogue, Forest Hills, New York, offered the following prayer:

God, from Whom all blessings flow, bless this assembly to steer this great Nation to the prominence You bestowed upon her; a land where even a humble bicycle messenger can soar to serve in this Hall, where every man has dignity and the capacity to prosper, where the ignorant can reach knowledge and the persecuted sanctuary. Move it from finiteness to infinity, from constriction to amplitude, from isolation to leadership, from cynicism to faith. Uphold its pre-eminence among the nations, for its message of freedom is beneficial to all men.

Let us pray for wisdom, not passion; for knowledge, not shallowness; for truth, not trend; for enduring amity to allies and steadfast stand against its foes.

Bring us the day when all men shall turn to one another in pleasantness, when they combine regardless of differences in a union under Your reign, as the prophet Zachariah proclaimed: “On that day, God shall be One, and His Name one.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COHEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TURNER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. TURNER of New York. Madam Speaker, fellow Members, I am privileged to have had the honor of inviting Rabbi David Algaze here to lead us in the benediction. Rabbi Algaze serves as the senior rabbi of Havurat Yisrael Synagogue in Forest Hills, Queens, a position he has held since founding the congregation in 1981.

Rabbi Algaze has always held a commitment to academics both as a student and as a teacher. He holds multiple master's degrees and has served as a professor in all levels of academia. He is a former president of the Association of Sephardic Rabbis of America, and is the founder and president of the World Committee for the Land of Israel.

He has always been a strong advocate for the Jewish community in Queens and throughout New York. An ardent supporter of the State of Israel, Rabbi Algaze continues to fight to ensure its safety, security, and well-being. A prime example of these efforts is his work to educate the world about the current situation in Iran and the threat it poses to Israel and the United States.

A scholar, educator, and pillar of religious leadership in our community, he has been a terrific friend to me and has always been there for all those in need.

I thank you, Rabbi Algaze.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 further requests